

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-74 (canceled)

75. (currently amended) A fastener assembly for use during in a surgical procedure for securing a surgical component to a vessel, ~~said fastener~~ comprising:
a flexible fastening assembly having a first portion located on one side of the surgical component and a second portion located opposite to the surgical component on one side of the vessel, the first portion and the second portion are drawn substantially together by applying a compressive force to secure the surgical component to the vessel ~~fastening means for securing the surgical component to the vessel under a compressive force.~~

76. (currently amended) The fastener according to Claim 75, wherein said fastening assembly ~~means~~ is a spring assembly.

77. (original) The fastener according to Claim 76, wherein said spring assembly is a manipulated coil spring.

Claims 78-95 (canceled)

96. (previously presented) The fastener assembly according to Claim 75, wherein each of said first portion and said second portion extends substantially parallel to the vessel wall.

97. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 75, wherein at least one of said first portion and said second portion forms a semi-knotted portion when in said second configuration.

98. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 76, wherein at least one of said first portion and said second portion forms a semi-knotted portion when in said second configuration.

99. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 77, wherein at least one of said first portion and said second portion forms a semi-knotted portion when in said second configuration.

100. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 75, wherein said at least one of said first portion and said second portion comprises an axially wound portion or a radially wound portion.

101. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 76, wherein said at least one of said first portion and said second portion comprises an axially wound portion or a radially wound portion.

102. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 77, wherein said at least one of said first portion and said second portion comprises an axially wound portion or a radially wound portion.

103. (new) A fastener assembly for use during a surgical procedure comprising:

a surgical component;

a vessel;

a flexible fastening assembly having at least one coil portion, the coil portion having a first portion located on one side of the surgical component and a second portion located opposite to the surgical component on one side of the vessel, the first portion and the second portion are drawn substantially together by applying a compressive force to secure the surgical component to the vessel.

104. (new) The fastener according to Claim 103, wherein the fastening assembly is a spring assembly.

105. (new) The fastener according to Claim 104, wherein the spring assembly is a manipulated coil spring.

106. (new) The fastener according to Claim 104, wherein the fastening assembly comprises a ring type fastener having a pair of fastener legs incorporated therein.

107. (new) The fastener according to Claim 104, wherein the spring assembly comprises a pair of fastening legs.

108. (new) A fastener assembly for use during a surgical procedure for securing a surgical component to a vessel, comprising:

a flexible fastening assembly having at least one coil portion, the coil portion having a first portion located on one side of the surgical component and a second portion located opposite to the surgical component on one side of the vessel, the first portion and the second portion are drawn substantially together by applying a compressive force to secure the surgical component to the vessel.

109. (new) The fastener according to Claim 108, wherein the fastening assembly is a spring assembly.

110. (new) The fastener according to Claim 109, wherein the spring assembly is a manipulated coil spring.

111. (new) The fastener according to Claim 109, wherein the fastening assembly comprises a ring type fastener having a pair of fastener legs incorporated therein.

112. (new) The fastener according to Claim 109, wherein the spring assembly comprises a pair of fastening legs.